The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The question is:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 2005-06 for the purposes of Railways, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2, 3 and the Schedule were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

श्री लालू प्रसाद : मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूं कि विनियोग (रेल) संख्यांक 4 विधेयक, 2005 लौटाया जाए।

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Hundred and Ninth Report of Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I lay a statement regarding the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Hundred and Ninth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee of Home Affairs on Demands for Grants (2004-05) of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Reduction of fee for issuance of duplicate passports for people whose passports got damaged during recent floods in Maharashtra

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): Sir, in view of the recent floods in Maharashtra, the Government of India has decided to issue duplicate passports to those people whose passports have been damaged. Normally,

in such cases, we issue a duplicate passport by charging Rs. 2500/- and additional Tatkal charges, if required. However, taking into consideration representations by Members of Parliament from Maharashtra as well as the request by the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, as a special gesture, it has been decided to issue duplicate passport on a reduced payment of Rs.500/- only. This facility will be available in respect of all such applications received till 30th September, 2005, in Regional Passport offices in Mumbai and Thane.

SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA (West Bengal): Sir, wherever floods have taken place, this facility...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes; wherever floods have taken place, this facility can be extended...*(Interruptions)*... The House is adjourned till 11.00 a.m. on Thursday, the 18th of August, 2005.

The House then adjourned at thirty-two minutes past six of the clock till eleven of the clock on Thursday, the 18th August, 2005.

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